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RE: MUR 5650  
Friends of John McCain  
Thomas R. Holtrup, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Potter:

This is in response to Mr. Kirk Jowers' letter dated March 31, 2005, which we received on that day, requesting an extension until April 11, 2005, to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented during my telephone conversation with Mr. Jowers and in his letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on April 11, 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alva E. Smith".

Alva E. Smith, Paralegal  
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